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INTERIOR ISSUES FIRST OF TWO VOLUMES ON AMERICAN SHRIMP INDUSTRY

America's shrimp industry can best be protected by increased efficiency at all levels and by a stabilized market, according to the recommendation made in the first of two volumes on the Survey of the United States Shrimp Industry. The first volume has just been released by the Department of the Interior. The second volume will be available in early autumn.

Volume I was compiled by the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, from sources of information available primarily within the Bureau, plus results of special research projects which the Bureau had contracted to private firms, universities, and other governmental agencies. Volume II is being similarly compiled.

The two volumes provide a comprehensive examination of shrimping grounds, vessel construction, fishing operations, processing plant efficiency, processing costs and various matters concerning distribution and marketing.

Some of the topics covered by Volume I relate to the distribution of commercially important species of shrimp found in the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico off the southern States; the types of fishing craft and fishing gear employed; boat ownership; operational procedures; statistics on production; individual elements of fishing costs; processing for human consumption, and utilization of shrimp for nonedible purposes.

Volume I is listed as Special Scientific Report--Fisheries No. 277. A limited supply is available from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C.

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